

FORESTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S
PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS PROGRAM 2016
PRESENTS:



takes you to a *MAGICAL* Kingdom!



Dear Parents,

We are ready to begin our **34TH YEAR** of the **PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP)** Program at Forestville Elementary School and hope you will join us! We are very excited about this year's theme,

"READING TAKES YOU TO A MAGICAL KINGDOM!". We anticipate your support and involvement, making this year's program lots of fun and very successful.

We all want our children to develop good reading habits. Reading is the most important skill learned in school, but like all skills, it requires practice.

PARP is conducted in schools across NY State to encourage regular parent-child reading sessions at home. Many of you are already spending time reading with your children. Participating in this program just gives you and your family recognition for this reading time. Our school will participate in the **PARP** program in Grades **Pre-K - 6** from **April 1 – 28, 2016**.

We look forward to having you as a Reading Partner!
We are hoping to have **100% 'PARP-TICIPATION'** this year.

Thank you for your cooperation,
THE 2016 PARP COMMITTEE

FYI FOR PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS:

1. Read with your child for a *minimum* of **15 minutes a day for 5 days of the week for each of the 4 Weeks of PARP**. If you have more than one child, you can all read together at the same time.*

* A child's reading partner may be a parent or guardian.



❖ **You can read in a variety of ways:**

- a. Read aloud to your child.
- b. Have your child read aloud to you.
- c. Take turns reading to each other by paragraph or page.
- d. Students and parents read alongside each other while reading their own material.
- e. Reading assignments completed in class are considered “school work”. Reading assigned for “Homework” is acceptable.

Enjoy these reading times. Don't let them be a chore! They will be happy memories for you and your child.

2. Each week your family will be challenged to **turn off all technology for one night** (This also includes *no video games, computer games, movies, etc.*) & make it a **Family Fun Night**. You may choose to use this night to complete one of the 4 suggested PARP Activities before the conclusion of the PARP Program.

PARP PARENT GUIDELINES



1. Each night, after having read a minimum of 15 minutes with your child, **place your initials in the date box on the PARP Calendar**. **The minimum of 5 nights is required.** *You may read additional nights, if you choose.*

2. Prior to returning the PARP Calendar each Friday to school, **be sure to complete the reverse side of the PARP Calendar** for the corresponding week, with what you and your child(ren) have read.

3. There are several suggested PARP Family Activities included in the PARP Packet. **Your family must complete 1 (one) of these prior to the end of the PARP Program.**

4. The PARP Calendar **must be returned** to school with the current week's information completed each Friday. If your child is absent on that Friday, we will accept the calendar on the day s/he returns. **All other “late” calendars will not be accepted.**

❖ Your family's 100% participation in PARP will allow you and your child to attend **“PARP's Spring Reading Festival!”** on **May 6th!**

100% Participation = 4 Weeks of Required Reading and 1 PARP Activity.